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REMARKS

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1. a. Twenty-four jet aircraft of type 1 and one jet plane of type 2 were parked in line on the southwestern edge of the Brandenburg-Briest (N 53/Z 13) airfield on 22 February 1950. Description of type 1: No propeller, cigar-shaped fuselage, an opening at both nose and tail. Cockpit roof drop-shaped and slightly projecting, landing gear retracting into wings; nose wheel. Wings, rudder and elevator assembly slanting to rear.

- b. Twenty-three planes were not painted but one was dark green.

Description of type 2: No propeller, strikingly clumsy fuselage abruptly terminating in line with trailing edge of wings and fairing into girder of rudder assembly. Cockpit with large roof, two-seat aircraft, armament probably pointing to rear, landing gear in wings, retracting inward, nose wheel.

2. Flying with eleven type 1 aircraft and one type 2 plane began at 9 a.m. Take-offs in groups of two planes, formation flying and landing in formation was practiced. The take-offs were well done, the landings bad. Two groups of two planes each took off about 11 a.m. at two minute intervals. The planes gathered in one formation at an altitude of about 2,000 meters, circled the field three times, then landed again in groups of two. These take-off and landing exercises were continued in elements of two throughout the day. The type 2 plane took off twice. Of the eleven type 1 planes, seven were marked by a red ring around the nose. Except the Soviet star which was painted at the fuselage, wings and rudder assembly. One radio truck, one fire truck, one tank truck and two other trucks were parked at the take-off point. The following motor vehicles were seen:

Trucks

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3. Twenty swept-back jet planes, two jet planes fitted with two turbines, and twelve conventional fighters, equipped with new engines, were observed at the field on 22 February 1950, between noon and 4:30 p.m. The planes were painted silver or dark grey and had a red nose. There was flying with jet planes. The flying personnel was trucked to and from the field

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4. Eight jet aircraft painted silver-gray and tank truck were observed at the field on 23 February 1950.

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